

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 316, UM 1801

In the Matters of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY,

Request to Increase Rates for Electric
Service to Recover Costs Associated with
the Valmy Power Plant (UE 316)

and

Application for Authority to Implement
Revised Depreciation Rates for Electric
Plant-in-Service (UM 1801)

RULING

**DISPOSITION: DOCKETS CONSOLIDATED; PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULES ADOPTED**

On November 2, 2016 Idaho Power Company made two filings relating to revised depreciation rates. In the filing docketed as UM 1801, Idaho Power seeks authorization to institute revised depreciation rates and adjust Oregon base rates accordingly. In the filing docketed as UE 316, Idaho Power seeks to increase its rates to recover costs associated with accelerating the depreciation schedule for the North Valmy Power Plant. To date, the parties to these dockets consist of Idaho Power, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB), and the Commission Staff.

On December 21, 2016, Staff's counsel sent an e-mail to the Administrative Law Judges, copying all parties, requesting that the two dockets be consolidated and proposing an agreed-upon procedural schedule. We treat this e-mail correspondence as a joint motion of Idaho Power, CUB, and Staff to consolidate these dockets and adopt the proposed schedules.

The joint motion explains that in both dockets Idaho Power is requesting ratemaking treatment and that arguments about rate-recovery could be the same in both cases. For efficiency purposes, the parties propose consolidating the dockets so that all testimony regarding ratemaking treatment may be filed in docket UE 316.

With respect to procedural schedules for these dockets, the parties propose separate, coordinated procedural schedules. The proposed schedule in docket UM 1801 allows all substantive issues (other than ratemaking treatment) to be resolved by June 1, 2017, thereby ensuring that Idaho Power’s change in depreciation rates would be in sync with its pending change before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. The parties have agreed to a rate effective date for both dockets of no later than November 1, 2017.

RULING

The joint motion to consolidate these two dockets and adopt the proposed schedules is granted. Consolidating these dockets will allow for one set of testimony addressing ratemaking treatment. The following procedural schedules are adopted:

UM 1801 Procedural Schedule

Activity	Date
Idaho Power files Tariffs and Advice Letter	No later than 12/30/16
Deadline to file Petitions to Intervene	2/1/17
Staff Settlement Proposal	3/3/17
Settlement Conference ¹	3/9/17
Staff and Intervenor Response Testimony	3/21/17
Settlement Conference	3/28/17
All-Party Reply Testimony	4/10/17
Hearing (tentative)	4/19/17
Opening Briefs	4/26/17
Reply Briefs	5/2/17
Commission Decision (target date)	5/31/17

In adopting this schedule, we note that there is minimal time for Commission consideration in the event this matter is not settled. Accordingly, in such case, the portion of the schedule relating to testimony, hearing, briefing, and Commission decision may need to be revised.

¹ Settlement conference and workshop dates are included in the schedule for the parties’ convenience. The parties do not need Commission approval to reschedule settlement conferences or workshops.


UE 316 Procedural Schedule

Activity	Date
Idaho Power files Tariff and Advice Letter	No later than 12/30/16
Workshop	1/17/17
Deadline to file Petitions to Intervene	2/1/17
Idaho Power files Results of Operations (ROO)	3/24/17
Idaho Power Supplemental Testimony on Earnings	3/24/17
Staff/Intervenor Reply Testimony (all issues)	5/4/17
Settlement Conference	5/11/17
Idaho Power Reply Testimony and Staff and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony	6/8/17
Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal Testimony to Idaho Power and Cross-Answering Testimony if desired	7/7/17
Idaho Power Surrebuttal Testimony	7/21/17
Pre-hearing Briefs	8/2/17
Hearing (tentative)	8/9/17
Opening Briefs	9/5/17
Reply Briefs	9/19/17
Commission Decision (target date)	10/27/17


The parties agree to a five business-day data request response time beginning June 8, 2017.

Dockets UM 1801 and UE 316 are consolidated. Parties should include both docket numbers on filings but electronically file documents only in UE 316.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2016 at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe
Administrative Law Judge



Ruth Harper
Administrative Law Judge